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## Businesslike Men From LISS

# Sigh From a Spy: Honest Men Are Rare

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The word was out: the *Ligue Internationale des Societes de Surveillance* is gathering for the first time in this country, reason enough to travel by devious routes to the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday to see if the Men from LISS look like the Man from UNCLE.

They don't. The Men from LISS don't even like to talk about UNCLE, James Bond, or Riffi.

"Juvenile delinquents see Riffi and pictures like that, and it teaches them how to steal things and commit crimes," the president of the League said disapprovingly.

The president is Giuseppe Cremonte-Pastorello. He is also director general of *Cittadini Dell'Ordine*, of Turin, a private security agency. Private agencies comprise the membership of the League—one agency from each country. Thirty of the managers of these companies are here for the week as guests of the United States member, Pinkerton's.

It turned out, though, that despite the sinister sound of Surveillance, the principal business of these agencies is guard duty—protecting factories and payroll shipments and jewelry shops. The only agencies engaged in any investigative work, the James Bond branch of the business, are Pinkerton's and *Cittadini Dell'Ordine*.

"Watching has become big business," Mr. Cremonte-Pastorello said. He was speaking in translation through the League's secretary general, Manuel Spreng, who is director general of *Securitas Ag* in Basle, Switzerland.

Mr. Spreng said the League had been started in Switzerland in 1934 as a means of mutual help and to keep business standards high. The League was exclusively European at first, but the members kept their eyes on the United States where Pinkerton's, the first, oldest and biggest detective agency in the world, furnished the model.

Nearby as he spoke was Robert A. Pinkerton II, president of Pinkerton's Inc., and great-grandson of Allan Pinkerton, who founded the company in 1850. Pinkerton's gave the world the term "private eye," but Mr. Pinkerton said that 95 per cent of the company's business (expected to be worth \$60 million this year) was industrial security, not detective work.

Mr. Bednarz said the company also has a division working on research and the manufacture of automatic protective devices. Machines can only summon guards now, he said, but the day is in sight when they will not only detect the burglar but deal with him as well.

However, the head of Europe's largest security agency said Pinkerton's is known in the international security world not for electronics but for "the proper selection of responsible personnel."

Picking the right people to be watchguards is the hardest part of the business, said Eric Philip-Sorensen, head of the Securitas group of Sweden.

"Honesty is the most important part of our business, which is looking after other people's property," he said. "It is very difficult finding 6,000 men who are honest."